

WASHINGTON, DC –

Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) today voted to pass a motion to disagree with the Senate Amendments on H.R. 3630, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2011. This vote rejects the Senate's two-month extension of the payroll tax cut, and effectively forces the Senate into a conference with House Members, who advocate a year-long payroll tax cut.

Outside of the payroll tax cut extension, H.R. 3630 includes varied Medicare, tax, welfare, and unemployment insurance provisions and program extensions, all aimed to alleviate economic stresses on middle income Americans and decrease unemployment. Amongst the provisions are the protection of Social Security, and pro-growth tax relief programs for American businesses of all sizes. Additionally, every aspect of the Act is accounted for by spending cuts, rather than tax increases.

The House of Representatives passed H.R. 3630 on December 13th. The Senate made several amendments to the Act (including cutting the original one-year extension of the payroll tax cut to a two-month extension), before passing it on December 17th, and returning it to the House of Representatives.

**"In the almost-three years since the President has been elected, unemployment has been right around 9%. We need to provide a sense of certainty for job creators. The Senate's two-month proposal just doesn't do the job. We need a twelve-month extension on the payroll tax cut.**

**"We can't allow the Democrat-headed Senate to raise taxes on hard-working Americans in this economy," Terry said.**